

## STATE ITEMS.

Asheville has no public burying ground.

We have received the address of Dr. S. S. Satchell, delivered before the North Carolina Immigration Association in Goldsboro, April 2, 1899.

Prof. Kerr informs the Wilmington Star that he has discovered an abundance of marl in the Black River section of New Hanover county. Beds of this fertilizer were found on many plantations.

Wheat is looking well all over this section, says the Asheville News; if we are spared wet weather, of which we have had quite enough, the farmers in some localities will commence cutting next week or the week after.

Thomas McElroy, European seed-grower and importer, 37 Park Place, New York, recently donated \$5000 worth of seeds for distribution in the South. He puts up packages of pure seeds and sends them to all parts of the country on receipt of price.

The 4th of July will be celebrated at Salisbury on Monday the 5th, followed by a ball at night. We return our thanks to the committee of arrangements for an invitation to be present, and shall be pleased to attend unless other engagements forbid.

We learn that Eli Dampier, who was reported to have been overtaken and killed when fleeing with a horse stolen from Col. Marchison, of Harnett county, was not caught with the horse. The horse was found in the hands of a third party, but the thief escaped.

We are indebted to our friend Mayor Long, of Salisbury, for a box of cabbages, squashes, cucumbers, and onions. The cabbages were white, and decidedly the largest we have seen this season, and all the contents of the box were of the finest quality. Mr. Long has an excellent garden, as these samples testify.

Dorsey Davis, sentenced to six months imprisonment and \$1,000 fine, for violation of the United States revenue laws, was yesterday taken from Wake county jail, to Chatham jail, where he is to serve his term, by deputy marshals Hobgood and Thompson.

The delegates appointed at the Republican Convention held in Wake county on the 15th inst., are hereby notified to meet at Raleigh on the 5th day of July next, at a convention to nominate a candidate for Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Richard L. Wayne, Esq.

T. F. LEE,  
Chairman Wake Co. Ex. Com.

During the thunder storm on Tuesday, says the New Bern Times, the lightning struck in the Neuse River within a very few feet of the U. S. Revenue steamer E. A. Stevens, throwing the water ten to twelve feet in the air. The officers were some time finding out whether or not they were hurt, and the shock was really quite severe.

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.—The Trustees of the Greensboro' Female College, and the Presiding Elders of the North Carolina Conference, held a meeting in Greensboro' on Tuesday, and resolved to rebuild the College. The Trustees are pleased to learn that the work will be soon commenced, and that the College will be rebuilt on a much larger scale than it was before the fire.

His Excellency Gov. Holden has appointed the following directors of the North Carolina Railroad on the part of the State for the ensuing year: W. A. Smith, of Johnston; Jno. R. Harrison, of Wake; Silas Burns, of Chatham; G. W. Welker, of Guilford; Wm. F. Henderson, of Davidson; John McDonald, of Cabarrus; William Sloan, of Mecklenburg; W. D. Jones, of Wake. General Byron Laffin State Proxy.

By a notice in another column it will be seen that Judge G. W. Brooks has appointed special terms of the United States District Court, to commence at Salisbury on the first Monday in August next, and at Morganton on the second Monday in August next. This will be a great saving of time and expense over coming to Raleigh; and witnesses and clients will thank the Judge for the arrangement.

MADISON COURT.—Superior Court of Madison is now in session at Marshall, Judge Henry on the bench. We have but little intelligence from there thus far, says the Asheville News. Business is progressing rapidly. In the cases of the State against Blankinship and his sons, for murder, the jury rendered a verdict on Tuesday, by consent of counsel on both sides, of "Not Guilty." Col. Cooke and Capt. M. E. Carter, both of Asheville, appeared for the defendants.

The Penitentiary Commissioners are now in session in this city. The ground has been cleared, on the site of the building, and the avenue opened. Since this is done the location looks much better than it did at first, and it is now generally regarded to be a good selection. The proposals for lumber to build the stockade have been opened, and the bid of Nathan Gentry of Johnston county, to furnish 3,000 logs accepted. The bid of Page and Ellington, of Wake county, to furnish lumber to build temporary houses for the prisoners has also been accepted.

DEATH FROM A SPIDER'S STING.—A colored man named Jere Pilyaw died suddenly at his residence in Wilmington, Sunday morning last, says the Journal, from what he declared to be the bite of a spider. He was bitten or stung about 12 o'clock the night previous, and was in good health at the time. His sufferings became so intense that he was forced to call in a physician about 2 o'clock in the morning. The patient had previously applied turpentine to the part affected, and medicines were administered for his relief by the physician. But notwithstanding this the sufferer died in considerable agony about seven hours after being stung.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Henry Haswell, of Jones county, charged with the murder of Sheriff Colgrove, was brought before Judge Thomas on a writ of habeas corpus, last Saturday, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000. The bail was promptly given.

The Germania Land Company of North Carolina, says the Patriot, through their general agent, David Jackson, have sold Mr. Seymour Steele's farm, two miles South of Greensboro', to Mr. Boutwell, of Pennsylvania, who proposes to become a resident this fall.

Roberts, McNeely & Co., of Salisbury, want to buy one hundred thousand pounds of dried blackberries and other kinds of dried fruit. We would like to announce that some one in this city will buy a similar quantity at good prices. Hundreds of poor people can make high wages during the season by saving fruits.

Mr. W. P. Hutchinson's connection with the Western Vindicator ceased with its issue of the 26th April. We learn from good authority, says the Vindicator, that he has been claiming, in some of the eastern towns, to be one of the Editors. He has no connection whatever with the Vindicator. Editors will note this.

The people of Alexander county, says the Statesville American, on the 10th inst., by almost a unanimous vote, ratified a subscription of \$30,000 made by the County Commissioners, to the capital stock of the A. T. & O. Railroad. The following was the poll: Registered voters about 1,950. For subscription, 682. Against subscription, 70.

The Masonic Fraternity of Charlotte propose holding a grand festival on the 7th and 8th of July next. The object in view is to raise funds for the erection of a Masonic Temple. The Masons of the "Hornets Nest" city are among the most enterprising of any in the State, and we wish them great success in their efforts to build a temple.

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The Charlotte Observer publishes the communication of W. A. Smith, President, to the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company, and says: "Mr. Smith has proved himself the right man in the right place; he has accomplished more for the benefit of the road and the interest of the stockholders than any of his former Presidents. His article deals in facts and arguments that must come with telling effect upon the stockholders. He seems to have discarded partisan feeling, and devoted himself entirely to the good of the road. Under his administration the stock has increased in value nearly fifty per cent."

"All hail to the live President!"

DISCHARGES IN BANKRUPTCY.—We are indebted to Judge Brooks for the following discharges in bankruptcy at Raleigh, June 16, 1899:

Warren—Alfred Alston, Jr., Buckner Eaton, Francis J. Drake, Granville—H. S. Hayes, S. G. Hayes, Nash—James B. Earl, Caswell—E. B. Holden, Craven—F. P. Dill, Alexander Goren, Wm. C. Bryan, Chas. H. Taylor, James B. Bobbitt.

Pitt—Thomas E. Wilson, W. W. Haddock, Jones—William A. Cox, Lenoir—B. F. Parrott, Hyde—Nathan B. O'Neal, Edgecombe—B. F. Pittman, Carteret—Dorant A. Morton, Greene—James C. Porter, Davidson—George W. Hege.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, held Wednesday night, June 23d, the following officers were elected:

D. R. Coleman, D. R. Tillgham, Mrs. E. C. Nichols, Miss M. A. Ashley, Miss E. C. Johnson, teachers of Deaf and Dumb.

W. J. Young, John Simpson, N. J. Dupree, teachers of Blind.

Miss Henrietta Hansen, teacher of Music.

Mrs. E. J. Taylor, Housekeeper.

Mrs. E. A. Gorman, Matron.

Joseph Watson, Foreman of Shoe Shop.

Henry Gorman, Foreman of Cabinet Shop.

David C. Dudley, Jr., Foreman of Broom Shop.

Mr. James H. Harris was appointed to aid the Principal in looking after the interests of the colored Deaf and Dumb and Blind.

Mrs. Maria Harrison Matron.

The Board resolved to economize.

Resolutions complimentary to Willie J. Palmer, A. M., Principal of the Institution, were adopted.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Friday June 24.—The day was spent calling the civil docket. The Grand Jury was discharged, their business having been completed. It is thought the Court has been efficiently organized to rapidly attain the ends of justice, the bench, juries, clerks, marshals and the bar acting in concert. Consequently a large amount of business has been quickly and satisfactorily done.

SUPREME COURT, Friday, June 24, 1899. All the Judges present. The following case was argued:

## HOUSE AND FARM.

Absinthe drinking increases in New York.

Watermelons are called cholera bomb shells.

Seven miles of violin strings vibrated at the Boston Jubilee.

Rust is damaging the California wheat and barley crops.

Champagne is now manufactured in Belgium for nineteen cents a bottle.

Three quarters of the New Brunswickians and Nova Scotians want to be annexed.

Forty-six discoveries of rich silver deposits are reported in the White Pine district.

An English nobleman drives a public coach from London to Windsor, just for the fun of it.

A Baltimorean wants to immortalize Stonewall Jackson by naming a cook stove after him.

Joseph M. Drake, who died suddenly a few days since in Chicago, had his life insured for \$100,000.

The dispossessed Italian prince proposes to sue Victor Emmanuel for the restoration of their confiscated estates.

Track laying on the Southern branch of the Kansas Pacific Railroad began on the South side of Smoky Hill river.

One of the recent "notions" in Chicago is a white hearse, which is described as "attractive, not to say inviting."

The Duke of Hamilton, Eugenie's cousin, has been outlawed from the Tuilleries. His latest sentence was delirium tremens.

The Duke of Newcastle has come to grief. He bet on horse races, lost \$20,000, could not pay it, and the bailiffs are after him.

A handsome block of rose-colored alabaster, the largest known, containing 2,437 cubic feet, has recently been unearthed in a mound at Rome.

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin has declared unconstitutional the act of the Legislature empowering counties and towns to aid railroads.

A Texas paper claims that there are more newspapers published in that State in proportion to the white population than in any other State in the Union.

On Friday the steamboat Mary Powell, running on the Hudson river, made 75 miles in three hours and forty minutes. This is the fastest 75-mile run on record.

In consequence of rumors that the workmen would stone the aristocratic carriages of visitors to the races in Vincennes, France, all that class of people staid away.

It has been decided by the highest judicial authority in England that bankers are not responsible for securities deposited with them if they exercise reasonable care.

"How old are you?" asked a conductor of a little girl when her mother was trying to pass on a half ticket. "I am nine at home, but in the cars I am only six and a half."

The preparatory commissions for the Ecumenical Council continue their labors in Rome. Several bishops and missionaries and the Patriarch of Jerusalem have arrived.

Twelve men engaged in lumbering on Fish river lakes, in the northern part of Maine, were recently poisoned to death by drinking tea in which a lizard had been boiled.

Lord Byron's val't, a Swede, named James P. Lindberg, sixty-four years old, is now an inmate of the National Military Asylum at Milwaukee. He was present at Byron's death.

Three European steamers which arrived at New York on Tuesday brought an aggregate of 3,019 passengers. The city of London brought 1,181, the Minnesota 1,238, and the Caledonia 556.

A freight train of eleven cars and locomotive was thrown into the Passaic river Saturday night, by the engine driver's omission to notice that the draw was open. Those on the train escaped.

The New York Herald office was suddenly vacated the other day on the appearance of an individual with his face covered with postules, who innocently inquired whether there was any indication of small pox about him.

The English journals announce the arrival of South Africa of two cases of diamonds. Among them was the famous 83-carat diamond, which was insured on the passage at a valuation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

It is fully believed that there is a secret order of incendiaries in California, with members in all parts of the State, the object being to burn the houses and school in which Chinese are educated, or where the teachers of Chinese reside.

A judge in India is reported to have thus addressed a person convicted before him, prior to passing sentence: "Prisoner at the bar, of health and strength, instead of which you go about the country stealing ducks."

Two physicians at the bedside of a patient disputed as to the time of his death. At last one of them ended the discussion by saying: "Very well, have it your way now; but the post-mortem will show that I am right." The patient was not much encouraged.

A few days ago, while a Mrs. Rogers, of Phelps county, Mo., was in the garden, with an infant fourteen months old seated near her, an eagle swooped down and attempted to carry off the child, but was prevented by a dog which came to its assistance and fought valiantly in its defence.

The reluctance of Spain to hang a monarch as its neck again is significant of the modern tendency among all nations towards republicanism. Yet a hopeless war is being waged on Cuba to reduce her to a state of serfdom against which the Spaniards themselves revolted.—N. Y. Telegram.

The Baton Rouge, La., Advocate says a new cotton destroying agent in the shape of a black bug with red stripes, about three fourths of an inch long, and wingless, has made its appearance on the leaves in that locality. No noteworthy harm has yet occurred from it.

Fillibusters en route for the "bright life of the sea"—Cuba—have arrived in Norfolk to the number of four or more. They are scattered about the city, and will leave for New York, on their way out, in a day or two. They came from Richmond, where they were recruited.—Norfolk Day Book.

A western editor named Steele reports having received an offer from a printer named Doolittle to go into partnership. He respectfully declined on account of the bad sound the firm name must have—"Doolittle and Steele," or vice versa. "One of us would soon be in the poor-house and the other in the penitentiary."

In the Spanish Cortes, on Friday, Serrano took the oath as Regent, and was greeted with loud "vivas" for the Regent and the National Sovereignty. Prim has been appointed Secretary of War and President of the Ministry, Silver Secretary of State, and Herrera Garcia, Minister of Justice.

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